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SUBJ: GROMYKO AND PONOMAREV SPEECHES: A SUMMARY

- 1. SUMMARY. GROMYKO AND PONOMAREV ELECTION SPEECHES JUNE 10 WERE DEVOTED LARGELY TO FOREIGN POLICY, JUDGING BY BARBERED PARVDA VERSIONS JUNE 11. WE HAVE REPORTED SEPARATELY ON U.S. AND MIDDLE EAST ASPECTS OF SPEECHES. THIS CABLE TREATS OTHER ASPECTS, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO DETENTE, WHICH BOTH SPEAKERS TREAT POSITIVELY. OVERALL, GROMYKO APPEARS TO TAKE A SOMEWHAT MORE GUARDED VIEW OF DETENTE THAN HE USUALLY DOES, WHILE PONOMAREV TRANSFERS TO NATIVE SOIL SOME OF THE STRONGLY PRO-DETENTE STATEMENTS HE MADE IN THE U.S. WE CAUTION THE READER THAT WE DO NOT YET HAVE THE FULL TEXTS OF THE SPEECHES. END SUMMARY.
- 2. DETENTE. PONOMAREV, SOMEWHAT SURPRISINGLY, COMES OUT STRONGER ON DETENTE PROSPECTS THAN GROMYKO. HE INTRODUCES SUBJECT EARLY IN THE SPEECH A(ALSO INSERTING A POSITIVE STATEMENTON U.S.-SOVIET AGREEMENTS), NOTING "VERY MAJOR CHANGES" IN WORLD HE GOES ON TO ASSERT THAT DETENTE "CAN AND MUST BE STABILIZED AND STRENGTHENED, CAN AND MUST BE GIVEN AN IRREVERSIBLE CHARACTER." GROMYKO LISTS DETENTE FIRST AMONG MAJOR CHANGES SINCE LAST ELECTIONS, CITES "SERIOUS QUALITATIVE PROGRESS" IN LAST FOUR YEARS, AND SAYS THAT COURSE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN TOWARD PEACE, NOT WAR. BUT HE NOTES THAT "PERSISTENT AND LONG STRUGGLE" WILL BE NEEDED TO MAKE DETENTE IRREVERSIBLE.
- 3. FOES OF DETENTE. BOTH SPEAKERS GIVE SPECIFIC
 ATTENTION TO OPPONENTS OF DETENTE, BUT GROMYKO ZEROES
 IN MORE DIRECTLY ON THEIR WESTERN PROVENANCE. HIS
 REMARKS ON OPPONENTS OF DETENTE IN U.S. ARE TREATED
 IN SEPTEL. HE ALSO SAYS THT THE "GOVERNING CIRCLES"
 OF THE WEST ARE "STRIVING TO BLOCK" ANY WEAKENING OF
 MILITARY AND CLOSED ECONOMIC BLOCS, CITING NATO REFUSAL
 TO CONSIDER WARSAW PACT PROPOSAL ON DISSOLUTION OF
 TWO BLOCS AS "CHARACTERISTIC." PONOMAREV TENDS TO
 KEEP HIS REMARKS IN A THIRD WORLD CONTEXT; HE CITES
 CHILE AND URUGUAY TO BUTTRESS HIS STATEMENT THAT
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- "IMPERIALISM IS ATTEMPTING TO COUNTERATTACK, TO STRIKE BLOWS AT PEACE, DEMOCRACY, AND SOCIAL PROGRESS."
- 4. CRISIS OF CAPITALISM. ON THIS, BOTH GROMYKO AND PONOMAREV SOUND A BIT LIKE THE PRE-U.S. VISIT PONOMAREV. GROMYKO, FOR EXAMPLE, CALLS ATTENTION TO MONETARY AND ENERGY CRISES IN THE WEST AND TO DISCORD AMONG THE U.S., WESTERN EUROPE, AND JAPAN. AT THE

SAME TIME, GROMYKO GOES OUT OF HIS WAY TO SAY FAVORABLE THINGS ABOUT THE NEW FRENCH AND GERMAN GOVERNMENTS (AS WELL AS ABOUT THE UPCOMING SOVIET-U.S. SUMMIT)

5. CSCE AND MBFR. GROMYKO EMPHASIZES THE NEED TO WRAP UP THE CONFERENCE "IN THE NEAREST FUTURE AT THE SUMMIT LEVEL." (HIS CALL FOR AN EARLY CONCLUSION IS ECHOED BY A PRAVDA COMMENTARY JUNE 11.) PONOMAREV DOES NOT REFER TO CSCE TIMING, AN OMISSION WE ARE INCLINED TO DISCOUNT IN VIEW OF THE AUTHORIZATIVE PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR A RAPID FINISH IN THE LAST WEEK. PONOMAREV DOES MAKE THE STRONGEST PUBLIC LINKAGE BETWEEN CSCE AND MBFR THAT WE CAN REMEMBER SEEING. HE SAYS: "POSITIVE RESULTS OF CSCE WILL ALSO GIVE IMPETUS TO THE VIENNA (MBFR) TALKS."

6. ASIA. GROMYKO PLUMPS FOR SOVIET ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY SCHEME. HE SINGLES OUT JAPAN, AFGHANISTAN, INDIA, IRAN, AND TURKEY FOR SPECIAL POSITIVE MENTION, AND WELCOMES NORMALIZATION AMONG INDIA, PAKISTAN, AND BANGLADESH. HE PILLORIES PRC FOR ITS INCREASINGLY ANTI-SOVIET AND ANTI-SOCIALIST COURSE, AND SAYS USSR WILL CONTINUE TO REBUFF PEKING'S HOSTILE ACTIVITY. ON THE OTHER HAND, INTERESTS OF WORLD SOCIALISM DEMAND THAT SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS BE BASED ON FRIENDSHIP AND GOOD-NEIGHBORLINESS.

7. DEFENSE. BOTH SPEAKERS CALL FOR STRENGTHENED DEFENSE CAPABILITY. GROMYKO SAYS THAT, IN FOLLOWING DETENTE AND PEACE POLICY, USSR WILL CAREFULLY MONITOR INTRUGIES OF IMPERIALIST FORCES AND WILL STRENGTHEN DEFENSE CAPABILITY OF ITS ARMED FORCES. PONOMAREV LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SAYS PREPARATIONS FOR WAR ARE CONTINUING AND MILITARY BUDGETS GROWING AND SOVIET UNION MUST THEREFORE STRENGTHEN ITS DEFENSE AND KEEP VIGILANT.

8. WORLD COMMUNIST CONFERENCE. PONOMAREV FOLLOWS UP PRAVDA COMMENTARY OF LDIT WEEK BY SAYING THAT CPSU SUPPORTS INITIATIVES FOR "NEW MAJOR INTERNATIONAL FORUMS" AND WILL TAKE ACTIVE PART IN THEIR IMPLEMENTATION. THE IMPLICATION IS STRONGER HERE THAN IT WAS IN PRAVDA OF PUBLIC SOVIET BACKING FOR A EUROPEAN AS WELL AS A WORLD COMMUNIST CONFERENCE.STOESSEL

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